

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, February 2, 1877, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Feb. 2nd. (1877?) My darling Alec:

The breakfast dishes must wait five minutes while I tell you how sorry I am if I troubled you last night and made your visit so unpleasant. Poor Alec, I am so sorry, I was only trying hard to see if we could not find some way of getting rid of that 650. I am sorry however that I was not quite frank and open with you, I did not tell you that I wrote Mamma telling her how the patents stood in the way of your giving Papa your time. I thought at the time you knew what I was doing, I spoke to you of it the night before and you said yes. I am sorry if I have done anything you think wrong. But is there no danger of your fear of doing one wrong may make you do another wrong. Ought you not in justice tell Papa yourself why you can't devote all your time now, it will save a great deal of trouble about the Chicago journey. But I will say nothing more. I think you are mistaken, but so long as you think that anything is unright your Mabel never wishes you to do it.

I enclose your Mother's letter. How dreary it will be this evening without you, but I shall be content, or try to be, knowing you are working at the telephone. Do be careful about your foot, and do get that mixture, never mind the whiskey etc., it will do you no harm once or twice a day, and O Alec it frightens me dreadfully to have that cough hanging about you.

With a heart full of love, Your own, Mabel.